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SUBJ: UN FINANCE: FIFTH COMMITTEE DISCUSSES OFFICE OF PUBLIC
INFORMATION (OPI) AND ELECTS MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE
ON CONTRIBUTIONS

REFS: (A) USUN 5509, (B) STATE 255806

1. SUMMARY: AT THE 1726TH MEETING OCTOBER 31, FIFTH
COMMITTEE HEARD STATEMENTS BY USSR, TURKEY, PAKISTAN,
PORTUGAL, INDIA, JAMAICA, ECUADOR, US, YUGOSLAVIA AND
CANADA ON PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICIES. FIVE MEMBERS
WERE ELECTED TO COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS. END SUMMARY

2. PROGRAM BUDGET SECTION 21 (OPI) - USSR DEL STATEMENT
WAS GENERALLY FRIENDLY TO OPI, ALTHOUGH HE COMPLAINED ABOUT
DUPLICATION AND WASTE. DELS OF TURKEY, PAKISTAN, PORTUGAL,
INDIA, JAMAICA, YUGOSLAVIA AND CANADA ALL SUPPORTED OPI
ACTIVITIES AND URGED PROGRAM INCREASES. TURKISH DEL
PROPOSED THAT CONSIDERATION OF OPI IN FIFTH COMMITTEE
BE LIMITED TO OFF-BUDGET YEARS. PAKISTANI DEL URGED
SPEED-UP OF PRODUCTION OF YEARBOOK OF UN. INDIAN DEL
PROPOSED INCREASED EDUCATIONAL FUNCTION FOR OPI.
JAMAICAN DEL, IN RATHER PHILOSOPHICAL STATEMENT,
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EMPHASIZED NEED FOR MUTUAL TOLERANCE AND UNDERSTANDING.

US DEL (BACHE) DELIVERED STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
REFTEL B. YUGOSLAV DEL, IN SUPPORT OF TURKISH PROPOSAL,
EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF MEDIUM-TERM PLAN AND CONSIDERATION
OF PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICIES AS AN INTEGRAL PART THEREOF.
CANADIAN DEL SAID OPI SHOULD NOT NEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS WITH
OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITHOUT FIRST REPORTING
TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON LONG-TERM RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS.

3. UN FINANCIAL SITUATION - CHAIRMAN THOMAS ANNOUNCED
THAT GROUP OF DELS HAD SUBMITTED LETTER OCT 30 RE UN
DEFICIT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, COMMITTEE DECIDED TO CIRCULATE
LETTER AS OFFICIAL DOCUMENT IN "L" SERIES.

4. COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS ELECTION - BY SECRET
BALLOT, FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE ELECTED TO COMMITTEE ON
CONTRIBUTIONS: DAVILA MENDOZA (MEXICO) (89 VOTES), ROUGE
(FRANCE) (88), AMJAD ALI (PAKISTAN) (87), CHISTYAKOV (USSR)
(86), TIEN (CHINA) (86).

5. WORK PROGRAM FOR 1727TH MEETING (OCT 31, P.M.) -
(A) USE OF EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS; (B) HONORARIA; (C)
PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION (INTRODUCTION OF ITEM;
SPEAKERS WILL BE HEARD NEXT WEEK); AND (D) OPI.
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